

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING
SITE SELECTION FOR STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE EXPANSION
CLAIBORNE COUNTY MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2005
7:00 P.M.**

**Mr. Murry Stewart
Claiborne County Engineering**

My name is Murry Stewart. I'm not an elected official or anything, and I did not even know until today that we even had a salt dome in Claiborne County. But I do want to say that I think it would be an excellent opportunity if Claiborne County could get this facility.

My association with Claiborne County over the last eight or nine years has been in the realm of infrastructure, and I know that this county is a progressive and a forward-looking county, and I know that the county officials here provide excellent county road infrastructure for Claiborne County. I have been associated with a lot of counties over the years during my career, and this county really stresses the importance of keeping up the infrastructure in this county.

You've got Highway 61 here, which will be a four-lane road. It already is a four-lane road up to about the city limits up here. Just 20 miles or 30 miles north of here, you've got I-20. So there's excellent access to this area. And this is a forward-looking county, and I think that this would be a real asset to this state and this county, and I hope that we can be chosen as the site.